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Social Workers To Meet At Pasadena.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the California Conference of Social Work will be held in Pasadena May 9th to 13th, 1926. An interesting program on the social aspects of public health has been arranged. Health officers and public health nurses will, no doubt, profit through attendance at this meeting. Section meetings on family and child welfare, industry, education and recreation will also provide programs upon subjects that are corollary to health. Following is the tentative program for the health section:

TENTATIVE PROGRAM.

PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

Monday, May 10, 1926—9.00 a.m.

Chairman—DR. W. M. DICKIE.

Secretary, State Board of Health.

Public Health and Social Service—Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Officer, Los Angeles.

Discussion, led by—Dr. Alvin Powell, Director Alameda County Public Health Center, Oakland.

Health Education in Schools—Dr. Wm. Shepard, City Health Officer, Berkeley.

Discussion, led by—Dr. W. M. Happ, Director Nutrition Division, Los Angeles City Schools, Dept. of Health and Corrective Physical Education, Los Angeles.

Health and Americanization in School and Camps—Mr. Merton E. Hill, Principal Chaffey Union High School and Junior College, Ontario.

Discussion, led by—Miss Georgiana Carden, Supervisor, School Attendance, State Department of Education.

Wednesday, May 12, 1926—9. a.m.

Chairman—MRS ELIZABETH McMANUS.

Chairman, Los Angeles County Probation Commission.

CHILD HYGIENE.

Maternity Health—Dr. Etta Gray, Los Angeles District Chairman, Department of Public Welfare, C. F. W. C., Los Angeles.

Summer Health School—Dr. Elizabeth M. Saphro, Director of Child Welfare, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles.

Discussion, led by—Dr. Anna E. Rude, Child Hygiene Consultant, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles.

Preschool Care of a Child—Dr. Ellen S. Stadtmuller, Director Bureau of Child Hygiene, California State Board of Health, San Francisco.

Discussion, led by—Mrs. Tadini Bacigalupi, Chairman of Child Hygiene Committee, A. A. U. W., San Francisco.

Organization of Health and Corrective Work in Los Angeles Schools—Dr. Sven Lokrantz, Director, Department of Health and Corrective Physical Education, Los Angeles City Schools, Los Angeles.

Thursday, May 13, 1926—9. a.m.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Chairman—MRS. EDYTHE TATE THOMPSON.

Director, Bureau of Tuberculosis, California State Board of Health.

After Care of the Indigent Sick in Los Angeles County—Mr. W. H. Holland, Superintendent, Los Angeles County Charities, Los Angeles.

Discussion, led by—Dr. A. F. Gill, Los Angeles County Health Department.

Budgets for Tuberculous Families—Miss Marguerite Spiers, Social Service Director, Berkeley Health Center.

Discussion, led by—Rev. W. R. H. Hodgkin, Rector, St. Mark's Parish, Berkeley.

Pasadena Tuberculosis Preventorium—Miss Mabel E. Neely, Superintendent, Pasadena Dispensary, Pasadena.

Mexicans in California—Mr. Stuart Ward, Assistant Executive Secretary, Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

No Child Need Contract Diphtheria.

One of the most important features of the physical examinations of children who are to enter school next fall, now being conducted throughout California, is the provision of protection against diphtheria. This disease, which for 30 years has been one of the most disastrous of all children's diseases, has now been made absolutely preventable. Every child who will enter school for the first time during the coming fall months should be immunized against diphtheria now. Parents can provide this safeguard for their children and insure them against contracting this serious disease. Any doctor of medicine can immunize against diphtheria. The procedure is simple, produces no ill effects and is in no way dangerous to the child. The wise parent will guard against the risk of having his child contract the disease by giving him the sure protection that immunization affords. If every child one year of age and over were immunized against diphtheria it would soon be a vanishing disease.

Unlike most of the other communicable diseases of children diphtheria has no characteristic eruption. It is caused by a germ infection which often leads to the formation of a grayish-white membrane

in the throat or other air passages. Sometimes this membrane grows large enough to block the air passage and the patient virtually chokes to death. Sometimes there is no visible membrane, although the patient may suffer from an extremely severe type of the disease. This is due to the powerful toxins or poisons that are developed in the course of the disease. These poisons work terrific damage on the heart and other organs of the body. It is this fact that makes diphtheria one of the most devastating of all communicable diseases. Parents are justified in having a wholesome fear of this disease.

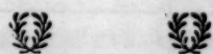
Children entering school for the first time make new contacts with other children from other neighborhoods and the risk of contracting communicable diseases at that time becomes greater. Immunization, therefore, is necessary in order that the child may not contract the disease. Every child has a right to be as healthy as human knowledge can make him. There is no better way to help a child than to provide him with adequate protection against contracting diphtheria. The parents' duty in the matter is plain and there should be no hesitation in securing immunization. Some health authorities say that the time is coming when every death from diphtheria will be looked upon as one of criminal negligence and, therefore, a case for a coroner's jury

to act upon. At the present time there is no excuse for failure to take advantage of this protective measure. The wise parent will have his children immunized against diphtheria without delay.



Home Life Is A Factor In Child Health.

There is a tendency for responsibility in maintaining the health of school children to be shifted to health centers, clinics and school health departments. This is undesirable, as the child's home life is the greatest factor in the maintenance of his health. The Bureau of Child Hygiene of the California State Board of Health is conducting a campaign for making physically fit children who will enter school for the first time next fall. Conferences, where children are given competent medical examinations, are being held in many parts of the state. At these conferences the importance of the child's home life is stressed. Parents are given practical advice upon how to maintain healthful conditions in the home. General living conditions: cleanliness, airiness, sunlight and harmony in the home have much to do with the child's health. Diet, training, recreation, medical and dental supervision and habits of living are also factors in promoting the child's health. The bureau desires to help parents in the provision of practical advice for maintaining health in the home. The bureau believes that the health work in schools, health centers and clinics is secondary to that done in the home.



Smallpox Kills 163 In Past Three Months.

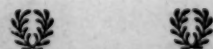
During the first quarter of the present year there were 1836 cases of smallpox reported to the California State Board of Health, 163 of which are known to have resulted in death. The fatality rate for the entire state, during this period, was 8.8 per cent and in some localities it ran as high as 17 per cent. There are indications that the children of those communities where the disease is most prevalent are now rather extensively immunized, but the disease continues to take heavy toll among unvaccinated adults. A large number of deaths have been reported during the early part of April—35 during the first ten days. The following table shows the distribution of cases and known deaths from smallpox during the first three months of 1926.

Smallpox Cases and Deaths, January, February and March, 1926.

	Cases	Deaths
Alameda County	253	
Oakland	235	2
Colusa County	5	
Contra Costa County	20	
El Dorado County	11	
Glenn County	1	
Imperial County	37	
Kern County	18	
Los Angeles County	1119	
Los Angeles County	186	6
(Unincorporated territory)		
Alhambra	2	
Azusa	3	1
Burbank	2	
Claremont	2	
Compton	9	
Culver City	2	
Glendale	6	
Glendora	2	
Huntington Park	6	
Inglewood	4	
Long Beach	24	3
Los Angeles (city)	812	136
Montebello	2	
Monrovia	1	
Pasadena	29	1
San Fernando	5	
San Gabriel	2	
Santa Monica	4	
Venice	1	
Vernon	1	
Watts	1	
Whittier	3	3
Lynwood	3	
Hawthorne	5	
Monterey Park	1	1
Maywood	1	
Madera County	4	
Marin County	1	
Mendocino County	7	
Merced County	2	
Modoc County	1	
Orange County	14	
Placer County	22	
Riverside County	17	1
Sacramento County	83	
San Bernardino County	22	1
San Diego County	18	1
San Francisco County	53	6
San Joaquin County	5	
San Luis Obispo County	2	
San Mateo County	1	
Santa Barbara County	6	1
Santa Clara County	14	
Santa Cruz County	1	
Siskiyou County	2	
Solano County	6	
Sonoma County	55	
Stanislaus County	10	
Tulare County	3	
Ventura County	5	
Yolo County	13	
Yuba County	2	
California (outside cases)	3	
	1836	163

SUMMARY.

	Total Cases	Deaths
January	442	29
February	657	78
March	737	56
	1836	163



"The health field has a woefully ineffective distribution service, as compared with its marvellously effective production service in the laboratories of the world."—Dr. William H. Welch, Director of the School of Hygiene and Health of The Johns Hopkins University.

MORBIDITY.***Diphtheria.**

99 cases of diphtheria have been reported, as follows: Oakland 12, San Leandro 1, Butte County 1, Colusa 1, Fresno 1, Kern County 2, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 7, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 33, Pomona 1, Redondo Beach 1, San Fernando 1, Torrance 1, Hawthorne 1, Willits 5, Salinas 1, Orange County 1, Santa Ana 2, Riverside 1, Sacramento 4, San Diego 4, San Francisco 11, Lodi 1, Stockton 1, San Bruno 1, Red Bluff 1, Yuba County 1.

Measles.

174 cases of measles have been reported, as follows: Alameda County 1, Alameda 2, Berkeley 1, Oakland 42, Piedmont 3, San Leandro 2, Fresno 4, Hanford 2, Susanville 2, Los Angeles County 7, Claremont 6, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 11, San Gabriel 1, Maywood 4, Nevada City 1, Fullerton 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 79, San Joaquin County 1, San Bruno 1, Palo Alto 1, Sonoma County 1.

Scarlet Fever.

85 cases of scarlet fever have been reported, as follows: Alameda 1, Berkeley 3, Oakland 5, Butte County 2, Fresno 1, Kingsburg 1, Orland 1, Kern County 7, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 3, Long Beach 5, Los Angeles 16, Pomona 2, Redondo Beach 2, Santa Monica 1, Whittier 6, Monterey Park 2, Pacific Grove 2, Orange County 1, Corona 1, Sacramento 1, San Diego 4, San Francisco 8, Stockton 2, Santa Barbara County 1, Santa Maria 1, Palo

*From reports received on April 12th and 13th, for week ending April 10th.

Alto 1, San Jose 1, Solano County 1, Vacaville 2.

Smallpox.

75 cases of smallpox have been reported, as follows: Alameda 1, Oakland 16, Brawley 2, Kern County 1, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 6, Los Angeles 31, Redondo Beach 1, Sacramento 4, San Diego 1, San Francisco 5, Stockton 1, Daly City 1, San Jose 2, Stanislaus County 2.

Typhoid Fever.

12 cases of typhoid fever have been reported, as follows: Calaveras County 1, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 2, Pomona 1, Redondo 1, Orange County 1, Sacramento County 2, San Francisco 1, Modesto 1.

Whooping Cough.

56 cases of whooping cough have been reported as follows: Alameda 5, Albany 1, Oakland 5, Chico 1, Fresno 3, Eureka 5, Kern County 1, Taft 1, Lakeport 8, Los Angeles County 3, Corona 2, San Diego County 1, San Diego 4, San Francisco 3, Stockton 2, Los Angeles 2, Long Beach 9.

Epidemic Meningitis.

2 cases of epidemic meningitis have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 1.

Typhus Fever.

1 case of typhus fever has been reported from Huntington Park.

Poliomyelitis.

1 case of poliomyelitis has been reported from Los Angeles County.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS.

Disease	1926				1925			
	Week ending			Reports for week ending Apr. 10 received by Apr. 13	Week ending			Reports for week ending Apr. 11 received by Apr. 14
	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3		Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4	
Anthrax.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickenpox.....	427	375	280	245	364	418	322	246
Diphtheria.....	151	132	121	99	153	138	130	101
Dysentery (Bacillary).....	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1
Epidemic Encephalitis.....	2	3	2	0	5	2	4	2
Epidemic Jaundice.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Epidemic Meningitis.....	4	5	3	2	3	2	2	1
Gonorrhea.....	73	111	350	86	62	74	50	93
Influenza.....	131	36	31	30	163	155	147	40
Leprosy.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Malaria.....	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	1
Measles.....	170	193	132	174	145	105	134	105
Mumps.....	366	364	397	211	308	355	394	224
Paratyphoid.....	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Pneumonia (lobar).....	58	52	37	55	73	141	101	46
Poliomyelitis.....	6	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Scarlet Fever.....	181	151	151	85	163	179	144	110
Smallpox.....	105	126	158	75	167	195	167	92
Syphilis.....	93	106	231	181	86	99	116	172
Tetanus.....	1	1	1	0	2	0	4	1
Trachoma.....	1	56	2	1	1	3	6	0
Tuberculosis.....	169	237	254	210	191	166	199	219
Typhoid Fever.....	12	6	12	12	9	7	9	6
Typhus Fever.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.....	91	56	79	56	297	449	331	327
Totals.....	2045	2012	2246	1325	2201	2492	2265	1790

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